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February 17, 1984

Mr. William Casey
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Dear Mr. Casey:

Enclosed is a letter from one of my constituents, [redacted] STAT
[redacted] regarding possible American aid to Sandaval
Alarcon of Guatemala.

I would appreciate your comments. STAT

Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

Connie Mack
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CIA Funds Guatemalan Terror Chief

By JACK ANDERSON

WASHINGTON - For 30 years, the CIA has been bank-rolling a man reported to be the evil genius behind the right-wing terror that has claimed tens of thousands of lives in Central America.

Several officials in the intelligence community and the National Security Council have vehemently protested the continuation of what they consider a sinister, shameful relationship. But intelligence sources told my associates Dale Van Atta and Jon Lee Anderson that the funding continues despite the opposition.

The CIA seems untroubled by the fact that the White House itself has denounced the right-wing death squads in El Salvador. Yet the death squads may have gotten their inspiration from the CIA's protege, Mario Sandoval Alarcon.

A former vice president of Guatemala, he now heads the National Liberation Movement, which styles itself "the party of organized violence." At 60, Sandoval is a solid, chunky, gold-eyed hombre who looks as tough as he reputedly is.

The National Liberation

Movement was founded by the CIA in 1953 as a paramilitary force with one immediate goal: the overthrow of leftist President Jacobo Arbenz Guzman. It succeeded the following year.

By the mid-1960s, Sandoval had emerged as a leader of the organization, and he was evidently a bitter and vengeful man. One former confidant said Sandoval had once been captured by leftists and tortured with an electric cattle prod.

In his fury, he began to define communists as just about anyone who didn't share his fierce anti-communist views, and to equate them with the people who had tortured him. It was about the same time that the first death squad in Central America was formed, with close ties to the National Liberation Movement.

The death squad took the name *La Mano Blanca* (The White Hand) and began to terrorize leftist suspects in Guatemala. It was responsible for as many as 8,000 deaths in the 1960s, plus thousands more during a resurgence in the 1970s. In the 1980 election campaign, the National Liberation Movement all but acknowledged its association with the death squad.

The idea of "anti-communist" death squads proved to be exportable. Carbon copies of the Guatemalan unit appeared throughout Central and South America. The bloodiest work in recent years has been done by the death squads in El Salvador.

The underground terror groups go by different names. In Guatemala alone, there have been the Secret Anti-Communist Army, Organization Zero and the Order of Death. I recently disclosed evidence that the death squads throughout Latin America are linked, and are "fronted" by the regional affiliate of the World Anti-Communist League.

In 1981, in a public speech, the regional anti-communist league's secretary paid extravagant tribute to Sandoval and the National Liberation Movement for being "on the front line" of the battle against communism.

Sandoval himself has been a pillar of the World Anti-Communist League. In 1978, when he was Guatemala's vice president, he spoke to the league's 11th annual conference and denounced everyone from President Carter to the Catholic Church as tools of Marxism. His complaint: their

stand on human rights and their criticism of the death squads.

Perhaps it was no coincidence that the death squads soon began their bloodiest rampage, killing tens of thousands of suspected leftists and sympathizers in Guatemala and El Salvador. And it certainly was no coincidence that Amnesty International traced the Guatemalan death squads during that period to the presidential palace.

Meanwhile, the CIA continues to provide secret funding to Sandoval.

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WATCH ON THE PENTAGON: A major audit is under way by the Defense Department inspector general to find out what happens to the millions of dollars' worth of tools entrusted to American military personnel. Sources have provided the preliminary result, and it's a shocker: Of some \$180 million worth of construction and repair tools, only about 3 percent can be accounted for. The rest are nowhere to be found.

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